

HB 1829 -- School District Accreditation

Sponsor: McNeil

This bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and implement a grant program for unaccredited and provisionally accredited school districts that commit to undertake extended school time to improve academic achievement. The grants will be for a two-year term and will be renewable for one additional term. An applicant must demonstrate that it has analyzed its current use of instructional time and provide a rationale for the method of adding time. Grant award amounts will be proportional to the amount of additional time over 1,044 hours and the average daily attendance rate, with priority given to unaccredited districts. The Extended Instructional Time Fund is created to be administered by the department for the deposit of moneys appropriated to it by the General Assembly and any gifts, contributions, or bequests.